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THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

FRANCE RESENTS AMERICAN CRITICISMS.

FURTHER FLEET REDUCTION UNJUST.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

According to a message from Washington at the meeting of the Naval Committee of the Disarmament Conference, M. Sarraut vigorously protested against American press criticisms of France as obstructing naval agreement. He declared that France came to Washington to collaborate wholeheartedly in the labours of the Conference. He would prove the injustice of the charge of imperialism. France regarded the proposals as unacceptable in view of her naval requirements, especially in view of the importance of her colonial possession. He protested that it would be unjust to impose a fresh reduction upon the French fleet, which had already been voluntarily reduced. There was good reason to believe that a satisfactory solution would be eventually found.

A more hopeful feeling developed this evening when it became known that French naval plans for a new fleet of ten capital ships each 35,000 tons had not yet been approved by the French Government, Admiral Dehon having framed the project after the departure of M. Briand and M. Viviani.

The naval sub-committee's action toward the five power naval pact has therefore been delayed pending an answer from Paris both on the ten ship programme and the American counter-proposal for a French capital ship of 175,000 tons, compared with the present 164,000 tons. In this all other delegations interested concurred. Signor Schanzer for Italy cordially accepted the counter-proposal, provided that France also agreed.

ARRESTS IN DELHI.

PROMINENT INDIANS CHARGED.

MANAGING UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATIONS.

BOMBAY, December 18.

Fifteen prominent Non-Cooperators of the United Provinces, including office bearers in the Indian National Congress and the Khilafat movement have been sentenced to periods of four to eighteen months imprisonment, on a charge of assisting in the management of unlawful associations. Altogether there have been 121 arrests in Delhi.

CENDENBURG FOR HUNGARY.

PLEBISCITE RESULT.

BUDAPEST, December 19.

Voting in the Cendenburg plebiscite resulted in 15,340 votes for Hungary and 8,227 for Austria.

WAR RESPONSIBILITY.

KAISER SAYS ENTENTE DID IT.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH HINDENBURG.

LONDON, December 18.

A significant commentary on Germany's attitude towards reparations is afforded by the publication in the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* of correspondence between the ex-Kaiser and Hindenburg. Writing on March 30, Hindenburg declared that the Versailles Treaty aimed at the annihilation of Germany. The fiction of Germany's responsibility for the war was the foundation of this policy. Germans were terribly penalised for this admission of Germany's responsibility, wrung from them against their convictions from German representatives at Versailles and it was untrue that an admission of Germany's guilt was made by Simons in London. Replying on April 5, the ex-Kaiser calls God to witness that he did his utmost consistent with the security and integrity of the Fatherland to avoid war. "To talk of Germany's guilt for war is out of the question. There is no longer any doubt that not Germany but the Entente methodically prepared for war and deliberately brought it about."

H. R. H. IN INDIA.

LOYAL DEMONSTRATION AT BENARES.

INDIANS RESENT AGITATORS.

LONDON, December 18.

The Indians' resentment at the efforts of agitators in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales is exemplified by events at Benares, where, despite proclamation of martial law, large crowds massed along the Prince's route. The martial law was entirely ineffective. Generally speaking, as a well-informed correspondent in India remarks, when not terrorised by a small minority of extremists the immense mass of the people of India have shown every desire to express their loyalty.

MOPLAH CASUALTIES.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

DELHI, December 18.

It is officially announced that since the outbreak of the Malabar rebellion 1,826 Moplahs have been killed, 1,500 wounded, 5,474 captured and 14,241 have surrendered voluntarily.

AFRIC'S MOST ANXIOUS PROBLEM.

Recent speeches by great Colonial administrators like Sir Hugh Clifford and Sir Frederick Lugard have done much to dispose of the idea that exploitation of the African native is the white man's only policy. The black man and his future are, no doubt, Africa's most anxious problem. The principle of trusteeship is definitely accepted by the white man. Striking proof that a new era has opened for the native seems to be afforded by a statement made by Mr. Stirling at a meeting of the Advisory Council of Northern Rhodesia. "The actual policy to-day, so far as there is a policy," Mr. Stirling declared, "is one of exploitation tempered by more or less sympathetic administration. There were abundant signs all over Africa that it could not be continued indefinitely without disaster to both races." The policy which Mr. Stirling favours is one of frank co-operation with recognition of native rights and status; security in the possession of his land, native taxation for the native's benefit, education directed to assisting him to develop along his own lines, and adequate reward for his labour. It is suggested that a small body might be created charged with the duty of interpreting native views to the settlers and the settlers' views to the native. Mr. Stirling's idea would appear to be to institute a definite and consistent policy which will rob the introduction of European education among the natives of its most disturbing and dangerous accompaniments. He represents the colonizing element, and his speech, we glean from a correspondent, may give the Advisory Council of Northern Rhodesia a notable place in African history.—*United Empire*.

P AND O. DIVIDEND.

At the 81st ordinary general meeting of the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company to be held on Dec. 7, the directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the Preferred stock, less income-tax, will recommend a dividend on the Deferred stock of 6 per cent. for the six months, free of income tax, making, with the interim dividend of 6 per cent. paid in May, a total distribution on the Deferred stock of 12 per cent. for the year.

That the dividend was regarded as disappointing is evidenced by the fall in the Deferred stock. The final dividend compares with 15 per cent. free of tax, including 3 per cent. cash bonus; but there was in addition last year a distribution of Deferred stock equivalent to 6 per cent., and worth a considerable capital sum. The 12 per cent. now compares with 21 per cent. for the preceding period. The following table gives a comparison of dividends for the past six years:—

Year	Dividend
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1917-18	18 p.c., free of tax, including 6 p.c. bonus
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1920-21	12 p.c., free of tax, including 6 p.c. bonus

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SIR CHARLES ADDIS ON DEFLATION.

At the first meeting of the session of the Institute of Bankers on 8th, inst., at the Goldsmiths' Company, the president, Sir Charles Addis, delivered his inaugural address. Sir Charles made out a strong case for the Cunliffe Committee's recommendation that the effective pre-war gold standard should be restored as speedily as possible. He made the case good principally by recalling that the Committee was not in a hurry and that "no support for any scheme of drastic deflation" can be found in its report. As one of the original Committee responsible for the Report, Sir Charles claimed that circumstances had abundantly justified the insistence laid by that Committee upon the necessity for Government economy, and the cessation of Government borrowing as a prelude to any return to sounder financial conditions.

In closing his address, Sir Charles had an encouraging word to say regarding Eastern trade. He stated: "Since its origin is similar, the crisis through which we are passing is not likely to follow a materially different course from those we have experienced in the past. There has been the same speculative boom. We are now passing through the usual sequence of a period of stagnation. We shall shortly enter upon a period of trade recovery. Already in the Far East, where the trouble began, are to be discerned the first faint streaks of dawn. In India and China trade is reviving. A little more patience, a little more steadfastness, and success is assured. A little longer and the old supremacy of this country as the acknowledged leader in the finance of the world will return. Is this a time to lose heart or to enter in our task?"

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WEDNESDAY, 28th December.
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 18th.
Relief was noticeable at Conference
circles when it was announced that the
French demands had not yet been sanc-
tioned by Paris. The French undoubtedly
feel that they have been somewhat
ignored in the naval discussions which
have hitherto been monopolised by Mr.
Bulbourn, Baron Kato, and Mr. Hughes.
They are also inclined to complain that
other nations do not realise the need
and importance of France's colonial pos-
sessions. Nevertheless the new demands
have encountered hostility in British,
American and Italian circles on the
ground of the cost which compliances
would inflict upon them because in order
to maintain the proportions contained
in Mr. Hughes's proposals Britain and
America would each have to build ten
new ships between 1931 and 1935, thus
largely nullifying the programme. The
matter will probably ultimately be ended
by a compromise regarding which it is
suggested that the French should be
allowed to build a certain number of
ships during the next ten years without
prejudice to the fixing of their ratio
which could be determined at the end of
the naval holiday.

Much canvassing is at present going
on for and against ratification of the
Quadruple agreement. Opposition seems
to be stiffening, firstly, owing to the
non-completion of the Shantung negotia-
tions, and, secondly, owing to the pro-
minence which is given to what is re-
garded as an oversight in the pact—that it
technically commits Britain and America
to a certain degree of protection to the
Japanese Empire itself as well as to
other Pacific islands.

WASHINGTON, December 17th.
The French delegation continued the
presentation of France's position regard-
ing naval armaments in the Naval Com-
mittee. Mr. Sarraut complained that the
pledge of secrecy given on Thursday had
been broken and stated that France
adhered to her claim of the same ratio as
Japan.

It is estimated that the ten-year
capital shipbuilding programme outlined
by Mr. Sarraut would result in a tonnage
ratio for France at the end of the naval
holiday of 2.75 compared with Japan's
place in the 5/6/3 agreement. It is said
that the French building would not begin
until 1925. Ships built after the end of
the holiday in 1931 could be classed as
replacements.

LATER.
The London Press is warmly congrat-
ulatory regarding the conclusion of the
British, American, Japanese naval agree-
ment. A tinge of regret is observable
on account of the Japanese retention of
the Matsuyama, involving an expenditure
for Britain for new ships which the original
proposal did not provide, but otherwise
reflected by the *Observer* which declares
that the Conference has averted the
threat of a Japanese-American war and
has placed peace in the Pacific on a firm
and permanent footing. It has not
merely abolished but has bettered the
Anglo-Japanese Treaty, the continuance
of which would have cost us American
friendship and the confidence of the
Dominions while renunciation would be
ungracious and unworthy.

WASHINGTON, December 17th.
The Chinese and Japanese reached a
tentative agreement for handing over the
Shantung Railway within nine months.
It was decided that payment should be
by instalments, but the period has not
yet been fixed.

WASHINGTON, December 17th.
High administrative officials interpret-
ing the treaty declare that it is not to
be regarded as compelling any nation to
take up arms as the result of any point
within its scope.

WASHINGTON, December 18th.
Another attack on the Quadruple
Pacific Agreement was made in the
Senate by Senator Reed who declared that
it was "China's death warrant." He
asserted that it was brought here by
Japan and England. The United States
adherence made it a party to the rape
of Shantung.

NEW YORK, December 17th.
All the morning papers express plea-
sure at the consummation of the naval
ratio agreement.

PARIS, December 17th.
The Reparations Commission has ad-
dressed a Note to Germany recording
its surprise that the German Note, dated
on December 15th does not indicate either
the currencies Germany is prepared to
surrender for the January and Febru-
ary payments or the periods of grace
desired. The Note declares that unless
the Commission receives these particu-
lars it will be impossible to consider
or to examine Germany's request. The
Note points out the absence of allusion
in the German Note to any measures
being taken with a view to reforming
Germany's finances.

WIRELESS TESTS.
LONDON, December 17th.
Tests arranged by wireless amateurs
in America with a view to ascertaining
if low-power installations could bridge
the Atlantic have been successfully com-
pleted. Messages were accurately re-
ceived at Adirondack from forty-three
amateur stations in the United States
and Canada.

**FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THE
VATIKAN.**
PARIS, December 17th.
The Senate debated the interpellations
on the resumption of relations with the
Vatican. M. Briand, defending on the
ground that resumption would be ad-
vantageous to French interests, which
not served by the church existing outside
French laws. The Senate passed a vote
of confidence in the Government by 274
votes to 180.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.
Why waste words and advertising
space in describing the many
points of merit in Chamberlain's Colic,
Rhinitis and Whooping Cough Remedy,
which we state that it cures
all, and cures them from any cause,
and that it is reliable, and is not a
poisonous or injurious preparation. For sale by all
Chemists and Storekeepers.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

COST OF LIVING.

LONDON, December 18th.
Official figures show that the cost of
living on December 1st had fallen four
more points since November 1st to 98 per
cent. above July, 1914, due to reductions
in the price of bread, flour and meat.

PROPOSED BANK AMALGAMATION.

MONTREAL, December 17th.
The Dominion Minister of Finance has
given his preliminary consent to the
proposed amalgamation of the Bank of
Montreal and the Merchants Bank of
Canada. The offer of amalgamation was
made by the Bank of Montreal after in-
vestigation had shown the reserves of the
Merchants Bank to be seriously im-
paired. It is understood that the position is
due to uncovered loans to western farm-
ers.

COLLISION AT SEA.

NEW YORK, December 17th.
The steamship *Panama* with 170 people
aboard collided with a United States
destroyer off New York. Another
steamer is standing by.

Both the *Panama* and the destroyer
are damaged, but there is no danger of
either sinking.

ECHO OF WALL STREET EXPLOSION.

NEW YORK, December 18th.
An extra police guard was drafted to
the Stock Exchange and other buildings
in the financial district following the
receipt of anonymous threats to blow up
buildings as a reprisal for the arrest of
Lindbergh, which is reported to have
been effected at Warsaw, in connection
with the Wall Street explosion in Septem-
ber last year.

NEW PORTUGUESE MINISTRY.

LISBON, December 17th.
Senhor Cunha e Silva has formed a tem-
porary ministry which is expected to
overcome difficulties.

RUSSIAN FAMINE.

LONDON, December 17th.
Sir Benjamin Robertson, the Indian
Famine Expert, is going to Russia
forthwith on behalf of the British famine
relief organisations to enquire into
methods of distribution of relief.

SAINT SAENS DEAD.

LONDON, December 17th.
The illustrious musician and composer
Saint Saens is dead. *He was.*

THE IRISH DEBATES.

LONDON, December 17th.
A feature of the concluding Irish de-
bate in the Commons was a speech by Mr.
Chamberlain who emphasised that Ulster
remained mistress of her own fate. He
deprecated the "Diobhards" references to
the Government "shaking hands with
murder." The Empire could afford to be
generous. He urged that Ireland should
forget the unhappy past and look to a
brighter future.

The secret session of the Dail Eireann
lasted all day long. It is holding an
other secret session to-day and a public
sitting on December 19th.

A GOLFING CONCERT.

"Golf is not a game, because the
stroke of one player does not deter-
mine or affect the stroke of his
opponent—as in all games, outdoor
or indoor, from cricket to chess. It
is a *race*, not a game," so said the
aged philosopher, Mr. Frederic Harrison,
in the Nineteenth Century—"De
Senectute: a Dialogue in a College
Garden." This is a quaint conceit
which the average man will write off
as nonsense. But think a moment.

In golf the position of the ball your
partner is playing with is immaterial
to you in medal or bogey play. In
match play the only case in which
the position of his ball directly affects
the stroke you make is when he lays
you a stymie. Otherwise you play
your ball independently of his, though
the risks you take may be affected by
the question of whether he is in a
bunker or out of bounds. In bogey
and medal play the role object is a
minimum of strokes, irrespective of
the position of your opponent. You
are trying to do the course in the
least number of strokes, just as the
sprinter racing in strings tries to do
the distance in less time than his
opponent. If you are racing another
your object is to breast the tape in
less time than he does. You may
attain that end by running him
off his legs early in the race. So
in match play you determine
your stroke by your opponent's position.
Oras Kierkegaard, as far as I can
make out, would say, the concepts of
time and of strokes are equivalent.
The one is a race in time, the other in
strokes. It is a delightful idea com-
ing from our senior philosopher, who
has never played the game, but who
bowed for his school and college
seventy years ago, and remembers the
first John Lillywhite.

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

December 15th, 1921.

Butcher Meat.

Beef Sirloin, — Mel Lung Pa ... lb. 30

Prime Out 26

Corned, — Ham Ngau Yuk ... 23

Roast, — Shio 15

Breast, — Ngau Nam 16

Soup, — Tong Yuk 16

Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa 16

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

QUARTETTE OF BANISHEES.

Four banishees who were presented before the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) at the Criminal Sessions to-day were each sentenced to five years' jail with hard labour for disobeying deportation orders. They had all been banished several times, some of them for life.

SEVEN YEARS FOR FORGERY.

Chew En Yan, the man who was prosecuted at the Police Court recently for obtaining goods from several Hongkong firms with forged University orders pleaded guilty on six counts. In sentencing him to seven years' jail his Honour expressed the hope that during that term he would be taught some more useful trade. The prisoner had, it appears, been in trouble for the same thing before.

HOUSEBREAKERS GET 'HARD.'

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny and another of having house-breaking implements in his possession, Lan San was awarded 5 years' hard labour. Yuen On who was accused of being found in a house with intent to commit a felony and with his tools of trade in his possession pleaded not guilty but could not convince the jury. His record was not so black as Lan San's so he was let off with 18 months.

There is only one case left on the list now, that in which Teang Kai is charged with kidnapping. It will come on to-morrow.

DANGEROUS TRICKS.

MUST BE STOPPED.

A richa coolie was charged before Magistrate Wood this morning with having fired crackers in Spring Garden Lane, at 12.15 a.m.

He said that he was driving his empty vehicle through the lane when some one threw a cracker into it. Being afraid that it would damage the cushion if allowed to explode in the richa, he threw it out.

Sergt. Post said that he saw the accused throw a cracker among a crowd of naval men. He had another lighted up in his hand when the witness went up to him.

Inspector Blackman said that cracker firing was an almost nightly occurrence in the lane. He had had several cases recently, in some of which Europeans were concerned. In his opinion sailors were the principal culprits.

Magistrate: What is it done for? — It is done for fun, but is very dangerous. I have a sailor outside who was struck in the eye by one of the crackers thrown by the accused.

William O'Connor of H.M.S. "Merlin" said that the first cracker thrown by the accused struck him in the eye and then exploded. Accused was about to throw a second when the Sergeant arrested him. Neither the witness nor his friends fired any crackers in the lane.

A fine of \$7 or 10 day's hard was imposed.

GOT VELVETEEN: GOT JAIL.

A Chinese was charged before Magistrate Wood this morning with the unlawful possession of several yards of velveteen.

Defendant said that he got it from a ship in harbour, the name of which he did not know.

Inspector Spear said that when arrested, the defendant took the police on board the s.s. "Dongola" from the No. 1 hold of which he alleged he had taken the stuff. Enquiries were made from the Chief Officer, but the latter said that no cargo of that description had been shipped on the vessel.

Three months.

SATURDAY'S WEDDING.

Mr. A. B. Stewart, of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. was married at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon to Miss Mary Cox, who arrived from home by the s.s. "Dongola." The Rev. H. V. Copley Moyle conducted the ceremony, the bride being given away by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard. Mr. H. H. Bowker acted as best man and the Misses Peggy and Joan Horrell as bridesmaids. A reception was held afterwards at Jardine's No. 1. House, East Point. The honeymoon is to be spent at Fanling.

From June 1, 1920, to September 30 last \$3,000,000 was awarded in compensation in Ireland under the Criminal Injuries Act.

The total output of the Administration's mines for the week ending December 3, 1921, amounted to 97,478 tons and the sales during the period, to 103,203 tons.

LATE SIR BOSHAN WEI YUK.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

Large crowds gathered in the streets this afternoon to watch the funeral of the late Sir Boshan Wei Yuk O.M.G. pass by.

A detachment of district watchmen headed the cortege and behind them were coolies carrying a large number of floral wreaths. The deceased's four sons followed the hearse as chief mourners and his daughters were with other female relatives in motor cars further down the long procession. Amongst those in the long string of vehicles behind the hearse were noticed the Hon. Mr. Claud and Mrs. Severn, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, the Hon. Mr. Lai Chu Pak, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Bishop Pozzoni, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Mr. Ho Fook, and many other prominent citizens, both Chinese and European.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS?

REVENUE PEOPLE INTERESTED.

George Washington Drollett, an American living at St. George's Hotel, Kennedy Road, was summoned before Magistrate Lindsell this morning with the unlawful possession on Blake Pier, of 72 bottles of "Grant" champagne, 5 bottles of liqueur, 2 bottles of Cherry Brandy, 2 bottles of Sherry, 2 bottles of dry Gin, 1 bottle of Vermouth, 1 bottle of Whisky and 1 bottle of Peppermint, on which duty had not been paid.

Mr. E. J. Grist, who appeared for the defence, asked for a remand. He said that it was probable that after the matter had been properly investigated, the case would not be proceeded with.

Mr. N. L. Smith, Superintendent of Imports and Exports had no objection to a remand. The duty on the liquor, he said, was \$132.58.

The Magistrate remanded the case until Wednesday. Bail in the sum of \$500 (the maximum penalty) was extended.

"CAIRO" DANCE SCENE.

MORALITY COUNCIL ASKS FOR WITHDRAWAL.

Appreciation of the action of dramatic critics in fearlessly exposing the "undesirable features in an otherwise beautiful production" [the dance scene in "Cairo," at His Majesty's Theatre], was expressed at a meeting of the London Council for the Promotion of Public Morality.

In *The Daily Mail* of October 17, the Dramatic Critic, referring to the scene, wrote: "It is indecent both in conception and execution."

The scene begins quietly, but it works up to a riot of sensuality. The dancing girls madden both themselves and the men present. The men seize them, kiss them, paw them, struggle with them in the abandonment of animal passion. They fight for women like wild beasts fighting for mates; they twist their arms over their limbs and throw the girls over their shoulders; they are primitive, unrestrained, unashamed. . . . It is no good talking about 'art' or 'history' or 'stage realism'—the thing is stark sensuality."

It was stated at the meeting of the Morality Council that its Stage Play Committee had confirmed the accuracy of the descriptions of the scene and the Council decided that the representation of manners and morals alien to this country is calculated to be subversive of public morality, that the number and gestures of apparently, semi-nude persons is an offence against good manners, and it was also decided to ask the producer (Mr. Oscar Asche) to withdraw or modify the scene.

The usual dinner dansant will not be held in the Hongkong Hotel's new grill room to-morrow night.

At 11 a.m. to-morrow Messrs. Lammert Bros. will auction a selection of high grade suit lengths etc.

A party of Salvation Army men from Australia went through to Shanghai on the "Shinyo Maru." They are going to do missionary work in North China.

Some valuable lots of glass ware, marble statuettes etc. and a few pairs of special blankets and rugs will be auctioned by Messrs. Hughes and Hough to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. in their sales room. An "Indian" motor cycle will be sold at noon and at 2.30 p.m. there will be an auction sale of furniture, including a Baby Grand piano.

"ON ACTIVE SERVICE."

NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED.

PROBLEM OF MEMBERSHIP.

A promising nucleus for an "Active Service Men's Association" in Hongkong was formed as the result of a meeting held in the Coronet Theatre yesterday morning. About 40 ex-service men attended and the proceedings were marked by a healthy enthusiasm. Discussion was brisk once the meeting was well under way and views were freely offered.

Mr. E. H. Wilson was the first speaker. In a brief speech he pointed out that in meeting to discuss the advisability of forming an association for active service men there was no antagonism towards the British Legion. "We desire," he said, "to meet in the spirit of comradeship, but that spirit is, to a certain extent, dissipated by the presence of those who were not 'out there'; they act as a wet blanket, for they are naturally not interested in reminiscences of affairs in which they have taken no part." Mr. Wilson objected that the basis of membership in the British Legion was too wide; it comprised members of all branches of the Services, including volunteers and other auxiliary forces, excepting conscientious objectors. He understood that the local branch was about to accept that constitution. It appeared to him that the Legion was formed to keep alive the military spirit; he would be heartily glad to see the back of militarism.

They had been told that they were snobs for wanting an association of their own. What, Mr. Wilson asked, would happen if they called an Irishman a snob for belonging to the Hibernian Society? He would promptly knock the individual on top of the head with a blackthorn. He would like to see anyone call a "digger" a snob for joining the Australian Returned Soldiers' Association yet that was one of the most exclusive organisations of its kind in the world. No man who did not go overseas from Australia was permitted to join it.

Mr. F. P. Franklin having been voted to the chair and Mr. J. E. Ollerton appointed secretary, a general discussion began.

One speaker led off by demanding to know whether a representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph* were present. If so he thought that in view of the leaderette published by that paper on Friday, the *Telegraph* man ought to be asked to leave. He thought they ought to boycott the *Telegraph* altogether.

The Chairman observed that there appeared to be no representative of the *Telegraph* present "possibly for obvious reasons" and nothing further was heard of the matter.

After it had been resolved to form an "Active Service Men's Association" the question arose as to who would be eligible for membership. One section of the meeting urged that membership should be confined to those who actually saw active service during the Great War but then a couple of old Regular soldiers rose to claim admission on the score of firing line service in previous wars.

A speaker urged that, to be consistent, membership must be confined to men who saw active service in the Great War and pointed out that if they were not careful they would have a basis of membership wider than the British Legion's.

Finally it was decided to admit veterans who saw active service in other wars provided they could furnish absolute proof that sickness, age or some other valid reason prevented them from serving in the late war.

Then arose a difficulty about the definition of "active service."

The Chairman said he thought the meaning the meeting wished to give the term was "service on a fighting front."

Someone then wanted to know whether that meant service before the Armistice and was told that it did. A number of possible anomalies were drawn attention to—the 1916 trouble in Ireland, the post-Armistice activities in India.

Another speaker wanted to "keep out the conscripts" but it was promptly pointed out to him that, for one thing, many were not old enough to volunteer before conscription came in.

A suggestion was made at this stage that preferably to starting a new ex-service organisation in Hongkong men who had been under fire should form a circle of their own within the British Legion. It found no sympathy.

The general result of the discussion was that it was agreed that anybody who went overseas and set foot in a theatre of war would be eligible. It was thought by one member that conscription would prevent anybody who had not been in the firing line from joining up. "What if they haven't got a conscience?" somebody queried. "Then if they haven't got a conscience let 'em get to hell out of it!" was the emphatic response.

It was agreed afterwards that members should be required to furnish definite proof of fighting service within a reasonable time.

SPECIAL CABLES.

SUICIDE AT SHANGHAI.

SUPREME COURT CLERK SHOOT'S HIMSELF.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, December 19.

Mr. H. R. Comley Adams, assistant clerk in the British Supreme Court committed suicide yesterday morning, shooting himself at Vancouver Lodge. He died at the General Hospital three hours later. He had been suffering from shell shock, and gas poisoning and also from insomnia. He served with the colours practically throughout the war. He was single and his age was 32.

LATE MR. A. OBIN.

FUNERAL AT SHANGHAI.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, December 19.

The funeral ceremonies in connection with the death of the late Mr. A. Obin, a director of the Sincere Company, took place yesterday and were largely attended. The deceased, who was a devout Christian was buried in the Cantonese cemetery.

BOOZE AND BAD TEMPER.

COSTS SEAMAN TEN.

Before Magistrate Wood this morning, a Chinese seaman of the s.s. "Ioksang," was charged with having smashed a sheet of glass worth \$5 on the show case of a jeweller's shop in Queen's Road.

Defendant said that he was drunk at the time and did not know what he was doing. In fact, he could not remember what had happened.

Magistrate: Are you prepared to pay for the damage done?—Yes, but I have no money on me. I have some on the ship which is lying off Wanchai.

Sub-Inspector Watt said that defendant went into a jeweller's shop at No. 360, Queen's Road and asked to be shown a watch. After inspecting this, he asked for others. As he was under the influence of drink, the shop people refused to serve him. Defendant became unruly and smashed the show case.

Magistrate: \$5 fine and \$5 compensation. The police will accompany you on board to get the money.

A provisional committee of seven, including a representative from Canton, was formed to formulate rules for presentation to the next meeting, which is to be held in the Coronet Theatre on Sunday, January 8. Membership fees were fixed at \$5, entrance, and \$5 annually.

Most of those present joined up at once. Others who wish to do so are invited to communicate with the secretary, Mr. J. E. Ollerton whose address is Box 484.

WISEMAN'S

SPECIAL

CHRISTMAS LINES.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

(almond iced and prettily decorated)

from \$2.40 each.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

from \$1.50 each.

DUNDEE CAKES

(the original Dundee recipe)

from \$1.00 each.

We are also supplying this cake to order with a layer of almond icing and decorated from \$3.00 each.

MINCED PIES \$1.20 per dozen

All the above goods are made at our own

Bakery under European supervision.

TOM SMITH CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

and a large variety of beautiful fancy boxes of Chocolates.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG HOTEL

NEW GRILL ROOM.

THE usual DINNER DANCING will NOT be held on TUESDAY, 20th December, 1921.

RACE WEEK.

A FANCY DRESS BALL in aid of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

MONDAY, Feb. 20th, 1922, at 8.15.

CITY HALL.

Tickets \$3. Booking at Moutrie's. \$1 fine for non fancy dress will be collected at the door.

2 Lucky number Prizes for those in Fancy Dress.

Hongkong, December 19, 1921.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

H.R. Underdressed have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21, 1921.

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WHAT THE CENSUS REVEALED.

The report of the Census Officer (Mr. J. D. Lloyd) in connection with the 1921 census has this about musis—

Special steps were taken to ascertain the number of young girls engaged without remuneration in domestic service, known more commonly as musis, a term which covers all young girls whose parents have assigned their rights of guardianship to other families for a monetary consideration, and whose labour is at the free disposal of the new guardian till the age for marriage.

The numbers of those under 14 will be found classified according to age in Table XXIII, Part II, those of 14 and over in Table XXIII. The numbers are for New Territories North 119, New Territories South 39, Island of Hongkong 7,891, Kowloon 600, Floating Population 4; a total of 8,653, of which there are 5,959, under 14 and 2,694, of 14 and over. Of these 2,694, I estimate that 30 per cent are under 15, 25 per cent under 16; 20 per cent under 17, 12 per cent under 18, 8 per cent under 19, 5 per cent 19 and above. The majority were found in the City of Victoria between Eastern Street and Glenaele and on the Upper Level. Under the age of 5 there are very few; between the ages of 10 and 14 the numbers are very equal for each age. The eldest noticed was aged 35, several were returned as married, and a few as widows, these evidently had found the homes of their old masters more comfortable than those of their husbands.

The majority are uneducated, but in the Upper Levels where the better classes live, and the greatest proportion of musis are found, those able to read and write formed 9 per cent of the total. I estimate that above the age of 19 there are only about 150. The general age for marriage seems to be between 17 and 19, most being married at 18 or before. Very few were recorded as born in British Territory, or in the provinces of China outside Kwangtung. No effort was made to classify the birthplaces since in the large majority of cases this is really unknown, and Canton is entered instead, that being the place whence the sellers of the girls came.

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In very few cases was the surname the same as that of the master or mistress, showing they did not come from the same clan. In many cases no surname was given at all, which was probably correct, the surnames being quite unknown, though later on they would doubtless be known under the surname of the family to whom they belonged.

Kwongtai and South West Kwongtung, which used to supply a large number of musis, did not figure largely among the birthplaces, but the sources of supply are apt to vary according to the state of prosperity and order in the various districts. No musis as such were recorded in the families of the Portuguese and Indian population, but some young Chinese girls were found described as servants or adopted daughters, whose real status probably approximated to that of the musis in a Chinese family. I am informed that formerly musis were common in most Portuguese families of standing. Very few young girls are employed as hired domestic servants, the *Chiu Lin* (*Nin*) Musi or girl hired by the year, who has been suggested as a substitute for the musis, does not appear to be popular, but there are on the other hand a large number of boys between the ages of 12 and 14 employed in domestic work in Chinese households. 122 young girls were described as "Yuk Nui" a term which in most cases denotes the same status.

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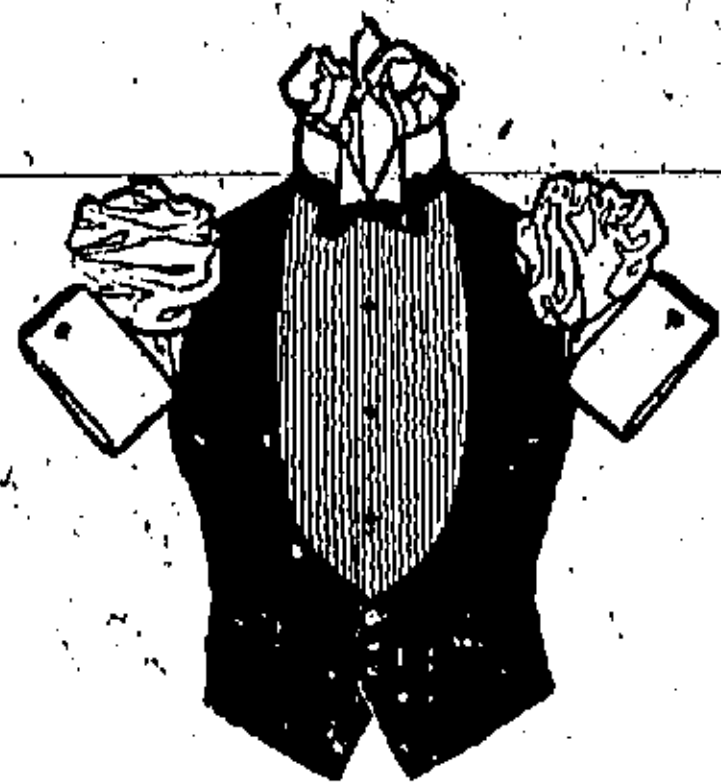
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LEAGUE MATCHES.

KOWLOON v. INDIANS.

Played at Sookumpoo Valley on Saturday, this match resulted in a draw. The Indians batted first and compiled 187, a very respectable figure, which, but for the intervention of time, would have given Kowloon no chance. The highest contributor was S. H. Ismail with a pretty 50. Other double figures were J. S. Curraem 23, A. H. Rumjahn 22, O. Ismail 17, and S. D. Ismail 15.

Kowloon did not show any great form, and when stumps were drawn, they had a total of 99 runs for the loss of seven wickets. The double figure scores were Spinks 23, Stapleton 20, Evans 17 and Macaskill 11.

INDIANS.

A. H. Rumjahn, c Robinson, b Stalker	22
S. A. R. Ismail, b Stalker	1
S. H. Ismail, b Spinks	50
S. D. Ismail, b.w., Spinks	15
M. H. Abbas, b Stalker	7
D. Rumjahn, c Stapleton, b Stalker	2
A. el Arculli, b Spinks	5
S. A. Ismail, c and b Spinks	7
J. S. Curraem, not out	23
O. Ismail, c and b Spinks	17
F. M. Arculli, c and b Stalker	3
Extras	5

Total.....157

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stalker.....	16.4	3	40	5
Macdonald.....	5	1	18	0
Ryans.....	9	2	30	0
James.....	6	1	18	0
Spinks.....	11	0	46	5

KOWLOON.

Lt. A. E. Macdonald, b Abbas	6
J. Stalker, b.w. Arculli	4
B. D. Evans, c O. Ismail b Arculli	17
K. R. Macaskill, b Abbas	11
E. L. Bragg, c M. H. Abbas, b Arculli	9
Capt. Spinks, c D. Rumjahn, b Curraem	23
C. I. Stapleton, not out	20
F. G. Thompson, c and b Curraem	0
C. Dance, not out	6
Extras	3

Total (seven wks.).....99

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. el Arculli.....	12	1	36	3
M. H. Abbas.....	10	0	39	2
J. S. Curraem.....	3	0	6	2
S. H. Ismail.....	2	0	8	0
F. M. Arculli.....	2	0	7	0

KOWLOON 2ND v. INDIANS 2ND.

This low scoring match was played at Kowloon. The home won by 42 runs. The Indians batted first and were only able to put together 58 runs, of which E. Moosden did 19. The only other batsmen to do anything against the bowlers were S. Abbas, 14 and Minu 11.

Kowloon also experienced difficulty with the Indians' bowling and could not stay in long. The only one to make a stand was Lawrence, who contributed 32 before he was caught. Over 15, Blackburn 14 and Hodge 11 were the other double figure contributors.

Scores:—

INDIANS 2ND.

A. H. Mader, b Spinks	0
S. Abbas, b Spinks	14
O. Rumjahn, c Blackburn b Overy	1
E. Moosden, c and b Spinks	19
R. Nazarin, b Spinks	2
N. B. Kitchell, b Spinks	0
Y. A. Wahab, b Overy	0
Ali Moosden, b Overy	2
A. K. Minu, b Spinks	11
M. Sadick, b Spinks	1
H. D. Rumjahn, not out	4
Extras	4

Total.....58

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brawn.....	4	1	12	0
Spinks.....	9.16	3	20	7
Overy.....	5	1	17	3
Hodge.....	1	0	5	0

KOWLOON 2ND.

L. J. Blackburn, c H. Rumjahn, b Abbas	14
L. E. S. Hodge, c Rumjahn, b Abbas	11
F. E. Lawrence, c O. Rumjahn, b Nazarin	32
A. O. Brawn, c Moosden, b Mader	5
E. W. Alderson, b Mader	0
E. J. Edwards, b Mader	2
H. Overy, c Sadick, b Mader	15
F. Evelyn, c and b Nazarin	3
E. F. Spinks, c H. Rumjahn, b Nazarin	9
A. Leach, c and b Nazarin	6
L. Jack, not out	0
Extras	3

Total.....100

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Kitchell.....	5	0	21	0
S. Abbas.....	6	0	31	2
Mader.....	5	0	29	4
Nazarin.....	3.1	0	16	4

R.A.M.C. v. POLICE.

This game was played on the Police ground on Saturday. The home team was unlucky in losing Alexander cheaply. Grimmett and the Earnshaw brothers did their best to make amendments, and but for their work the Police would have suffered heavy defeat. Of his 31, Grimmett scored 16 in one over.

Major Tomlinson was mainly responsible for the Medics' victory. He played a steady game and collected 42 useful runs before he gave a chance which was held by King. Corp. Stone with 47 was the highest scorer.

Scores:—

King, b Hollands	14
Alexander, c Capt. Tomory b Hollands	0
Grimmett, b Hollands	31
C. Earnshaw, run out	20
Booker, b.w. Savage	1
R. Earnshaw, not out	29
Baker, c West, b Savage	1
Kelly, c Capt. Tomory, b Savage	5
Chester Woods, run out	0
Carpenter, c Stone, b Hollands	3
Condon, b Hollands	0
Extras	5

Total.....110

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hollands.....	11.4	2	36	5
Rhodes.....	6	0	47	0
Savage.....	6	1	21	3

R.A.M.C.

Sgt. Hollands, c Condon, b Grimmett	6
Cpl. Rhodes, b Alexander	14
Capt. Tomory, b Alexander	0
Major Tomlinson, c King, b Earnshaw	42
S. M. Thompson, b Alexander	2
Cpl. Savage, c Grimmett, b King	0
Cpl. Stone, not out	47
Pte. West, c R. Earnshaw b O. Earnshaw	3
Sgt. Pitt, b C. Earnshaw	0
Sgt. Rogers, c King, b R. Earnshaw	2
Sgt. Wilkinson, b Alexander	16
Extras	2

Total.....134

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Grimmett.....	5	0	32	1
Alexander.....	9	0	45	4
King.....	4	1	16	1
C. Earnshaw.....	4	1	16	2
R. Earnshaw.....	4	0	30	1

C.S.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY C.C.

Civil Service lost to the University on Saturday and only got what was due to them. After the first few wickets fell, the home team, who batted first, seemed helpless in front of the bowling of Yeoh and Rumjahn. To the latter, in particular, they presented the appearance of a troupe of contortionists. To crouch down behind a cricket bat and poke is no way to play a slow bowler, any way. Hit him! Hit him good and hard and knock him off his length,—that's the best defence to a googly. We know. We have had some.

But why dwell on the sad side of the game? During the University innings, one of their men put a ball in the air. The bowler and wicket-keeper, each letting out a huge roar, evidently with the idea of intimidating one another, and starting simultaneously from their respective ends, rushed up the pitch, only to come into violent collision right in the geometrical centre of it. The look of surprise on their faces at the moment of impact, followed at the recoil by one of mutual reproach, and the air of chastened sadness as each slowly turned on his axis towards home, was distinctly humorous to the onlooker. We hope neither was hurt. We also nearly forgot to mention the batsman was not out on this occasion.

Scores:—

G. R. Sayer, c and b Yeoh	17
F. J. de Rome, b Rumjahn	8
A. E. Wood, b Yeoh	32
R. C. Wickett, b Yeoh	20
E. C. Fincher, c and b Yeoh	1
E. Dunkley, run out	5
E. W. Hamilton, c Osman, b Rumjahn	6
H. E. Strange, c Osman, b Rumjahn	7
J. C. Fletcher, c Rumjahn, b Yeoh	2
F. J. Ling, b Rumjahn	0
E. B. Reed, not out	1
Extras	6

Total.....105

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Vickers.....	3	0	20	0
Yeoh.....	14	4	38	5
Rumjahn.....	12	1	42	4

UNIVERSITY C. C.

A. A. Rumjahn, c Ling, b Reed	26
T. E. Yeoh, c Ling, b Reed	19
M. F. A. Redmond, b Reed	1
F. H. Roffey, St. Strange, b Sayer	13
M. B. Osman, c and b Hamilton	30
Prof. Vickers c Ling, b Hamilton	4
T. O. Yeoh, run out	1
M. K. Yue, c Hamilton, b Sayer	2
J. Young Sze, run out	1
R. W. Barney, b Hamilton	0
Hon. Dr. Severn, not out	0
Extras	11

Total.....108

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed.....	11	2	36	3
Hamilton.....	11	1	34	3
Sayer.....	7	1	27	2

CRAIGENGOWER v. CHINESE.

Owing to the death of Sir Boshan Wei Yuk, C.M.G., this league match which was due to be played on Saturday, was postponed. Sir Boshan was the President of the Chinese Club.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

CLUB v. NAVY.

The Club were at home to the Navy on Saturday in an interesting match which resulted in a draw.

The Navy batted first with Jotham and Wood at the wickets. They put up a fine partnership which yielded 40 before Wood was bowled. Stewart joined Jotham and between them, they gave the fielders a very busy time. Stewart scored 64 before Lammett got his wicket. The score stood at 167 when the partner ship was broken. They both lashed out merrily and Stewart hit two sixes and Jotham one. Farthing, Hancock and Edwards were the punished bowlers. Jotham compiled 104 before he was bowled by Hancock. He had fifteen fours to his credit and Stewart five. The other batsmen were moderate. The side declared at 240 for seven wickets.

Pearce made an excellent stand for the Club and put up 73, including eleven fours, and saved them from disaster. The other batsmen never got beyond 15, and they were lucky to snatch a draw with the last man. Beatty bowled well for the Navy, securing seven wickets for 35 runs. He had six for 27 at the end of his 16th over, the last three being maidens which contained four wickets.

Scores:—

Lt. Com. Jotham, b Hancock	104
Com. Wood, b Reid	12
Lt. Stewart, b E. G. Lammett	64
Rev. Crole Rees, b.w. Farthing	1
Sub. Lt. Stevenson, c Edwards b Lammett	15
Surg. Com. Stephens, not out	5
Lt. Com. Craig, b L. E. Lammett	19
Lt. I. B. Franks, c Hancock, b E. G. Lammett	1
Mid. Hayter, not out	1
Extras	18

Total (seven wks. dec.).....240

H. K. C. C.

T. E. Pearce, b Beatty	73
Major H. M. Edwards, c Greig b Hayter	2
E. J. R. Mitchell, c and b Beatty	13
B. D. C. Morgan, b Beatty	12
H. R. B. Hancock, c Sheffield b Crole Rees	10
F. H. Farthing, b Beatty	8
L. E. Lammett, b.w. Beatty	0
A. B. Raworth, b Beatty	0
E. G. Lammett, c and b Beatty	15
D. Reid, not out	13
L. J. Davies, not out	4
Extras	12

Total (for nine wickets).....162

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Beatty.....	18	7	35	7
Hayter.....	17	1	28	1
Wood.....	4	0	27	0
Crole Rees.....	3	0	7	1

RIFLE SHOOTING.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

The Hongkong Rifle League commences its season on Saturday, Jan. 7, when H.M.S. "Ambrose" meet H.M.S. "Cairo" and H.K. Police shoot against H.K. Defence Corps.

There are eight teams competing, viz., H.M.S. "Ambrose," H.M.S. "Cairo," H.M.S. "Tamar," H.M.S. "Titanic," Hongkong Police, Hongkong Volunteers, R.N. Dockyard and Royal Engineers. The competitions will finish on 15th March.

Ranges will be arranged mutually between opposing teams and results of matches with individual scores will be sent to the Hon. Secretary the day following the shooting. There are medals for the winning team; and the runners-up will have medals or a cup, as desired.

"THE KID" HERE.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S MASTERPIECE AT THE CORONET.

Charlie Chaplin's masterpiece "The Kid" comes to the Coronet Theatre this evening—a rare treat for Hongkong as this wonderful comedy has everywhere been proclaimed the great comedian's finest picture. Excelling "Shoulder Arms" in the ingenuity of its invention and the breadth of its humour, "The Kid" met with dazzling success in both London and New York. Nearer home, it had a remarkable reception when shown in North China. Nor is this phenomenal success hard to understand. Charlie Chaplin's inimitable art, long the delight of myriad admirers, reaches perfection in this picture while Jackie Coogan, the diverting small boy, has been acclaimed the cleverest child actor the screen has yet known. The efforts of producer, actors, and scenario writer to make a superlative picture have been crowned with splendid success.

Not only is "The Kid" irresistibly funny but it is also intensely human. Occasional strokes of sentiment make even more pronounced the broad humour and at times keep the picture hovering between tears and laughter. The play opens seriously. A child has been abandoned by its unfortunate mother. Sympathy for the waif is immediately followed by laughing admiration for the comedian who arrives dressed as a luckless tramp. Once struck by his masterly touch, the comic note is maintained with brilliant effect except for occasional slight traces of pathos at once natural and wholesome. The tramp adopts the forsaken child and speedily becomes attached to it. The adventures of the outcast couple, their sorrows and their joys are depicted with wondrous pathos and exquisite humour. "The Kid" is a photoplay that will surely live.

THIRSTY U.S.A.

"PUSSYFOOTS" BLINDED WITH FIGURES.

"A Briton in America" (published by Heinemann, 8s. 6d. net) is a pleasant account by Mr. Harold Spender of his experiences in the United States during "a strenuous public mission" in 1920-1. Like most careful observers, he has his doubts of prohibition. "You find all the organisers at the centre blinded with masses of figures," he says, "while the man in the street goes on his way thirsty and resentful."

He found the constant habit of "tipping" on a lavish scale in American hotels a little harassing. "This amazing system of daily and hourly extortion—to which the American himself submits with his usual good-humoured tolerance—has grown to fearful dimensions."

Of the modern American he speaks with nothing but praise. "He has little sympathy with poverty, and considers that it is generally a man's own fault; he is courteous, considerate to women, and now, in his own country, generally sober. He is essentially humorous and generally kind."

POLO.

Teams representing the Army and Navy met at polo on Saturday afternoon. The Army was much the better mounted but the Navy put up a great fight and had hard luck in being defeated by 5-1. The Navy suffered by being out of practice; some members of the team had only just come back from the North.

INTERPORT GOLF.

The Hon. Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club has received a telegram from Shanghai saying that the team may not leave until the end of January.

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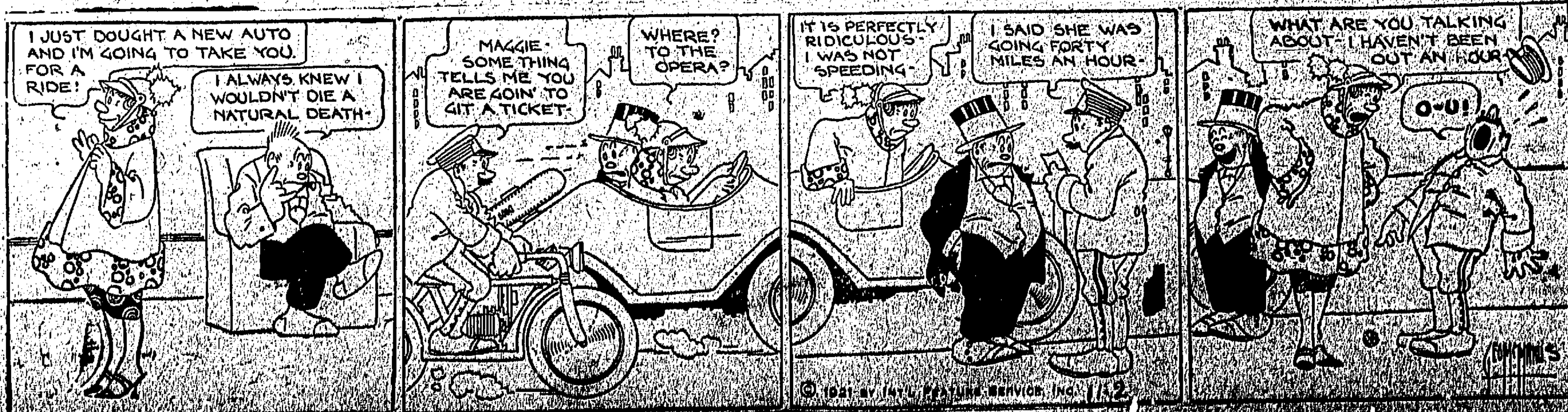
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The Princess of Braganza and Duchess of Oporto, widow of the Prince of Braganza brother of the late King Carlos of Portugal, arrived at Naples from the United States with a silver bronze coffin weighing half a ton and valued at £20,000, in which she intended to convey the body of her husband to Lisbon. The Princess, who died in February 1920, lay in a crypt at Naples. On October 21, the birthday of the Princess, the body was to be placed in the bronze and silver coffin and conveyed in an Italian warship to Lisbon, where it was to be buried beside the late King Carlos. "I could not find all over Europe the sort of coffin I wished for the body of the Princess," the Princess said, but I had it made in the United States.

The Princess was formerly Mrs. Philip van Valkenburg, and was known some years ago as the "million dollar widow."

Mystery Machine.

Described as a man with magic hands, Frank Courtney, the winner of the Air Derby of 1920, has been chosen as pilot during the trials with the secret helicopter which has been produced at Aldershot.

The choice is generally approved, no other man having faced greater adventures. For some time he has been engaged in trial flights of big air express machines. He has wonderfully sensitive hands comparable only with Hawker's, while he also possesses skill, experience and daring, all of which are necessary.

The helicopter is a closed book and an utter mystery. It is impossible to tell how it will behave when the direction of flight is changed. If Courtney is successful it will inaugurate a completely fresh phase in the development of flight and will be an achievement comparable with that of the Wright brothers' first flight or of Pegoud's first loop.

Origin of Life.

To-day, said Dr. W. B. Brierley, of the Rothamsted Experimental Station at Harpenden, lecturing at Gresham College upon "The Origin of Life," we seemed to be little nearer a solution of the problem than were the Greeks of ancient times. Research into such a problem was an illusory business, but it was no exaggeration to say that millions of lives had been saved and untold misery and suffering averted by the practical discoveries which had arisen apparently from purely philosophical studies of the kind. Speaking of some of the theories which had been held concerning the question, Dr. Brierley said that one solution that had been put forward was that living individuals came from dead matter. For instance, one great scientist of a few hundred years ago told how to obtain mice. "One takes," he said, "some linen, and one places it in a receptacle along with some grains of wheat and some cheese, and next morning you have mice." (Laughter.)

Prohibition Revision.

Judging by the thousands of letters received by the Congress at Washington every day, there has developed throughout the country a decided revulsion of feeling against prohibition, and a demand that light beers and wines should be legalized. Comparatively few people want the return of the public-house or express a desire to see whisky or other strong intoxicants again on sale. Even temperance workers are asking for the repeal of the drastic dry laws. "Be aggressive for prohibition, but not unreasonable," is the substance of the advice to Congressmen, and the prospects of moderation in the near future are enhanced by the Government's urgent need for more revenue, and the knowledge that even a modest tax on wines and beer will yield about £250,000,000 a year. As conditions stand to-day, Americans get plenty of drink, although the cost is high, and the Government gets nothing but trouble and abuse.

Insanity Cure.

The most speedy recovery from insanity was mentioned in the United States Commissioner's Court says the Philadelphia Central News correspondent. The patient was Jacob Jacobson, who was arrested in Chester on charges of passing counterfeit money. He pretended to be insane, would not talk and refused to show any interest in the proceedings. Jacobson was told that the serious condition of his heart required the immediate removal of that organ. He was taken to the hospital in Moyamensing Prison, and placed on the operating table. A "fake" ether cap was placed on his head, and the surgeons, rattling their knives and announcing that the operation would begin. At the first touch of the surgeon's thumb-nail drawn across his chest, Jacobson jumped from the table shrieking. After the "cure" he announced that he was Jacob Jacobson and could "understand perfectly." Commissioner Long, allowed him bail in £250.

GENERAL ITEMS.

"Prisoner was so drunk that he could only walk backwards," said a police witness at Willesden Police Court.

Two hundred silver coins, struck between 1229 and 1437, and a gold coin the size of a florin, have been found at Cowhill Farm, Whitburn, Llanthegidwyn.

Brighton police constables on point duty have been provided with white waterproof coats in order to assist motorists to observe dangerous cross roads on wet nights.

At an inquest on John William Davis, 50, dairyman, of Brighton, it was stated that as he was fixing a tube to a gas ring to make a morning cup of tea he fainted and died through inhaling the escaping gas.

The average tender price of houses containing living-room, scullery, three bedrooms, and necessary offices fell from £821 in February to £628 in August, and for September, on the figures so far received, the price was £596.

A tablet commemorating the flight by aeroplane across the Atlantic in June 1919 by Sir Arthur Whitten Brown and the late Sir John Alcock, and who were awarded the Daily Mail £10,000 prize, was unveiled in Manchester Town Hall.

Refusing to move for all ordinary means of persuasion two horses drawing a van, which had stopped at Ludgate-circus, E.C., were induced to move on by the gentle but powerful pushing of a motor-lorry on the rear of the van.

Transmission through the post of newspapers publishing betting odds on horse races, prize fights, and "other contest of speed, strength, or skill," will be prohibited under a Bill passed by the United States House of Representatives.

"I only knew of one seaman who gave up during the war," said Admiral Sir Doveton Stardee at Manchester, "and that was a man who had been tormented seven times. He was called 'Jonah,' and his brother seamen were afraid to sail with him, so he could not go to sea."

Mr. George F. Bidder, a sexagenarian, of Cedar Rapids, Michigan, has accomplished the feat of becoming the grandfather of his own children. By divorcing his wife and marrying his mother-in-law Bidder became his former wife's stepfather. He is, therefore, now the grandfather of his own six children.

Excavations which have been in progress on the Monte Mario, a hill in the environs of Rome, have revealed the remains of a prehistoric village. There are indications that the dwellings that have thus been brought to light date from the first Iron Age, or perhaps the Bronze Age. The discovery is regarded as highly important in that it may throw light on the history of the early inhabitants of the Rome district.

Mr. Law Binns, of Rose Hill House, Clifton, Manchester, manufacturer, who died last August, leaves £106,012 gross estate. After other family legacies he gives £15,000 to his son John William Binns (whom he has not seen for many years) provided he can be traced within two years of his (the father's) death. If he cannot be traced the £15,000 reverts to his (the father's) widow.

The Home Secretary is stated to be inquiring into the case in which a news-vendor was sentenced at Marlborough-street Police Court for obtaining a penny by false pretences by selling a pamphlet which purported to record Mr. H. Rottomley's "good deeds" on behalf of war sufferers since his re-election as M. P. for South Hackney, but contained only blank pages.

"Two young men visiting London came into my shop and asked to hear a few gramophone records," writes the proprietor of a London West End music store. After they had heard about 20 records and I had played three tunes on the piano, I asked if there was anything I could serve them with. "Oh, we are not buying music," said one of them, "but we have been told how obliging you are in London shops, and we thought we would call in."

Women doctors are discussing the novel methods adopted by a west country doctor in his quest for a wife. A pretty Scottish girl, recently qualified, made a long journey to see him, following correspondence as the result of an advertisement for a medical assistant. But when he said, "I do not want an assistant—I want a wife," Will you marry me? she indignantly departed. The advertisement is still appearing.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Chekiang, (B. & S.) from Canton. B. 12.

Sunning, (B. & S.) from Canton. B. 9.

Euryptus, (B. & S.) from Glasgow. Manila—Holtz Wharf.

Bellerophon, (B. & S.) from Yokohama, Shanghai. A. 2.

Hobrow, (B. & S.) from Dalny. C. 19.

Huichow, (B. & S.) from Tientsin. Walhaiwei. C. 45.

Kiukiang, (B. & S.) from Hongay. B. 26.

Szechuen, (B. & S.) from Shanghai. B. 12.

Chenau, (B. & S.) from Canton. C. 40.

Glengyle, (J.M. & Co.) from London, Singapore.—Wharf.

Wing Sang, (J.M. & Co.) from Haiphong. C. 40.

Hop Sang, (J.M. & Co.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—Wharf.

Kazembe, (Bank Line) from Kobe, Shanghai. A. 29.

Hailong, (D. L. & Co.) from Foochow, Swatow.—Wharf.

Ralph Moller, (Yuen Cheonglee) from Quinhon, Hoihow.—C. 44.

Hydrangea, (Chin On S. S. Co.) from Swatow.—Wharf.

Pheumpheng, (Wo Fat Sing) from Saigon.—B. 11.

Kashmir, (P. & O. S. N. Co.) from London, Singapore.—Wharf.

Soochow, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Amoy.—B. 12.

Silver State, (Admiral Line) from Seattle, Shanghai.—A. 1.

Portos, (M.M. Cie.) from Marseilles Haiphong.—A. 3.

Paul Lecat, (M.M. Cie.) from Yokohama, Shanghai.—A. 5.

Sunferrol, (M.B.K.) from Keelung.—B. 51.

Jade, (Ken Yu) from Haiphong, Pakhoi.—C. 38.

Alabama Maru, (O.S.K.) from Manila.—A. 1.

Cheribon Maru, (N.Y.K. & Co.) Kobe, Dalny.—A. 27.

Taikwa Maru, (T. K. K.) from Keelung, Swatow.—C. 48.

Kashima Maru, (N.Y.K.) from New York.—Wharf.

Tango Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Kobe, Nagasaki.—Wharf.

Toryu Maru, (M.B.K.) from Canton.—B. 49.

Kwanglee, (C.M.S.N. Co.) from Shanghai.—Wharf.

Wa Sun, (Pak Hong S.S. Co.) from Siam.—Wharf.

Hwah Wu, (Dodwell & Co.) from Chinwantao.—B. 53.

Yuet Wah, (Fuk Shun S.S. Co.) from Manila, Iloilo.—C. 41.

Tung Shing, (Yui Woo S.S. Co.) from Haiphong, Hoihow.—C. 39.

Kam Ying Fat, (Globe Nav. Co.) from Fak-oi.—C. 36.

Wah Hang, (Wing Hang) from Fort Bayard, Macao.—Wharf.

Taisama, (Yan Fat) from K. C. Wan, Macao.—Wharf.

Hok Canton, (Wo Hing) from K. C. Wan.—Wharf.

CLEARANCES.

Devawongse (Yuen Seng Fat) for Saigon.—Dec. 18.

Shinyo Maru, (T. K. K.) for Keelung, San Francisco.—Dec. 18.

Portos, (M. M. Cie.) for Shanghai, Yokohama.—Dec. 18.

Prometheus, (Kwong Min Sing) for Swatow, Bangkok.—Dec. 18.

Hang Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Swatow, Shanghai.—Dec. 18.

Sunning, (B. & S.) for Shanghai.—December 18.

Luohow, (B. & S.) for Swatow, Singapore.—December 18.

Chenau, (B. & S.) for Swatow, Shanghai.—December 18.

Toryu Maru, (M.B.K.) for Keelung.—December 18.

Shokiku Maru, (Suzuki & Co.) for Kobe.—December 19.

Chikiang, (B. & S.) for Ningpo, Shanghai.—Dec. 19.

Kwanglee, (C. M. S. N. Co.) for Canton.—Dec. 19.

Chenglu, (B. & S.) for Swatow, Bangkok.—Dec. 19.

Hwah Chu, (Kwing Ngan Sing) for Bangkok.—Dec. 19.

Huichow, (B. & S.) for Canton.—Dec. 19.

Paul Lecat, (M.M. Cie.) for Haiphong, Marseilles.—Dec. 19.

Silver State, (Admiral Line) for Manila.—Dec. 19.

Lake Gitanu, (P.M.S.S. Co.) for Haiphong, Saigon.—Dec. 20.

Tango Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Manila, Melbourne.—Dec. 20.

Wah Hang, (Wing Hang) for Kwong Chaw Wan.—Dec. 20.

Hwah Wu, (Dodwell & Co.) for Chinwantao.—Dec. 20.

Sui Yik, (Fook Ho) for Shanmi.—Dec. 20.

Taisama, (Yan Fat) for Kwong Chow Wan.—Dec. 20.

Szechuen, (B. & S.) for Shanghai.—Dec. 20.

Euryptus, (B. & S.) for Nagasaki, Yokohama.—Dec. 20.

Paludiva, (A. P. C.) for Singapore.—Dec. 20.

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GIVING SHARES AWAY.

LITTLE "PUZZLE" EXPLAINED BY EXPERT.

People unversed in Stock Exchange affairs were puzzled a day or two ago to read that the shares of a brewery company were actually being given away by one of the dealers. Why this offer of something for nothing? asks E. D. Kissan, the city Editor of the Weekly Dispatch.

The incident was a phase of a movement that has expanded recently. While the stock markets as a whole have been passing through unparalleled depression there has been much activity in new issue of capital. Slack trade leaves large sums of money idle, and many of these new capital offers have proved specially attractive.

At a time when "safety first" is the motto of investors who have the bitter lessons of the "boom" and the collapse fresh in their memory, offers of new gilt-edged securities such as the stocks of our Overseas Dominions, or good-class debentures, such as those of progressive electrical supply companies, have met with a ready response and have been immediately saleable in the market at a profit to the subscriber.

So there has been a recrudescence of "stagging." The "stag" is the speculator who subscribes for new issues, not with the intention of keeping them, but in the hope that they may immediately go to a "premium," that is, may be quoted above their issue price.

The subscription price for new issues is usually payable by easy instalments. The "stag" therefore, does not have to put up the whole issue price but merely the sums payable on application and allotment. These may amount to a mere 10 or 15 per cent. on the amount of stock secured, so that even if he can sell at a premium of only 1 or 2 per cent. he obtains a substantial rate of profit for the short time he is out of his money.

WHEN THE "STAG" STUMBLES. But the uninitiated "stag" and sometimes even the expert if he is unwary, is apt to stumble. A run of new issue successes may be broken by a failure, and the "stag" may be lapped with shares which, instead of being in keen demand, are a glut in the market. Such a case arose during the last few days. The ordinary shares of an important brewery amalgamation were offered, but the investor did not "bite." Only a small proportion of the 1,500,000 shares was taken up by genuine investors.

This meant that the issue went to the "stags" and the underwriters. The subscription price for new issues is usually payable by easy instalments. The "stag" therefore, does not have to put up the whole issue price but merely the sums payable on application and allotment. These may amount to a mere 10 or 15 per cent. on the amount of stock secured, so that even if he can sell at a premium of only 1 or 2 per cent. he obtains a substantial rate of profit for the short time he is out of his money.

CHILD LABOURERS.

NOT REALLY VERY MANY.

In view of the interest aroused lately in the employment of young children, a special table has been devoted in the report on the 1921 census of the Colony just issued to the occupations of children under 14 (English reckoning).

"It will be seen" says the report that except in domestic work, very few under 12 are employed. Children employed carrying building material are included under Orders XIII and XXII, which also include such occupations as painting, paint-scrapping, scaffold-erecting, stone breaking and other miscellaneous light work. The large number of girls classified under "Manufacture of Clothing" is accounted for by the great tendency displayed to record females who had no other occupation than helping in the home as engaged in needlework. It is unlikely that more than half the young girls so recorded actually earn wages by needlework. Few male apprentices under 12 are recorded, the age when apprenticeship generally begins being 13 to 16. The chief manufactures in which child labour can be usefully employed are those of cigarettes and hosiery, recent introductions on the factory scale. At present factories properly so called are very rare, and most of the child labour engaged in manufacture is employed in small shops or at home. The large number of boys employed in domestic duties, i.e., in private houses, or as cooks in shops, is noteworthy, contrasted with the small number of free girls so employed. Considering the absence of any legal restraint on the employment of child labour, the numbers of children actually employed in other than domestic work in proportion to the total number of children in the Colony appear very small; under 12 the number employed is 6,677 of whom 5,100 are employed in domestic duties mostly as "muitais."

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WEATHER REPORT.

December 19d. 12h. 05m.—Pressure has increased slightly at Shanghai and Hongkong and decreased at Hanoi and the Philippines.

The depression in the S. China Sea has probably moved westward. Another has formed over the Southern Philippines.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the coast of China, and moderate monsoon over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inch. Total, since January 1st, 97.23 inches, against an average of 84.84 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 20

—Hongkong and Kowloon. N.E. winds, N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, drizzling rain or mist.

2. —Kowloon Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

3. —South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock. The same as No. 2.

4. —South coast of China between Lamock and Hainan. The same as No. 2.

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HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 19, 1921.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	
					Direction.	Force.
Victoria Peak	8	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	9	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	10	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	11	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	12	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	13	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	14	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	15	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	16	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	17	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	18	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	19	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	20	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	21	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	22	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	23	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	24	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	25	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	26	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	27	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	28	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	29	30.58	39.73	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	30	30.58	39.73	—	—	—

O. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 19, 1921.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, by blue sky, detached cloud, drizzling rain, fog, gloomy, hail, lightning, overcast, passing showers, equal, rain, a snow thunder, visibility, low, wet.
7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day	On date at 7 a.m.	On date at 6 a.m.	On date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.93	30.00	30.00	30.00
Temperature	67	64	64	64
Humidity	89	82	85	85
Direction of Wind	—	—	—	—
Force of Wind	3	2	3	3
Weather	0	0	0	0
Rain	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open air temperature on the 19th—63.

Lowest open air temperature on the 19th—53.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 19, 1921.

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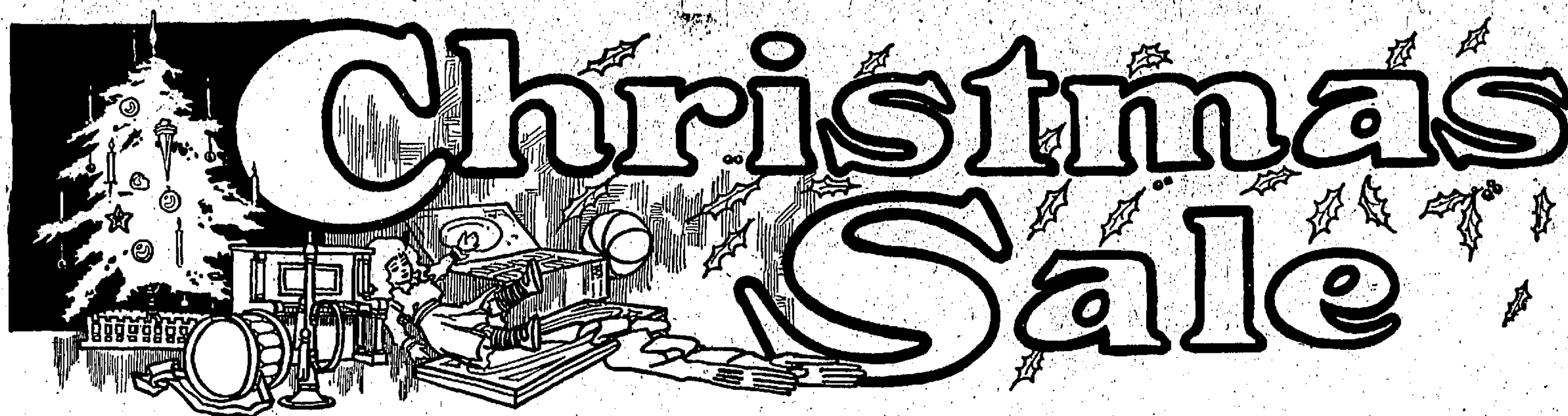
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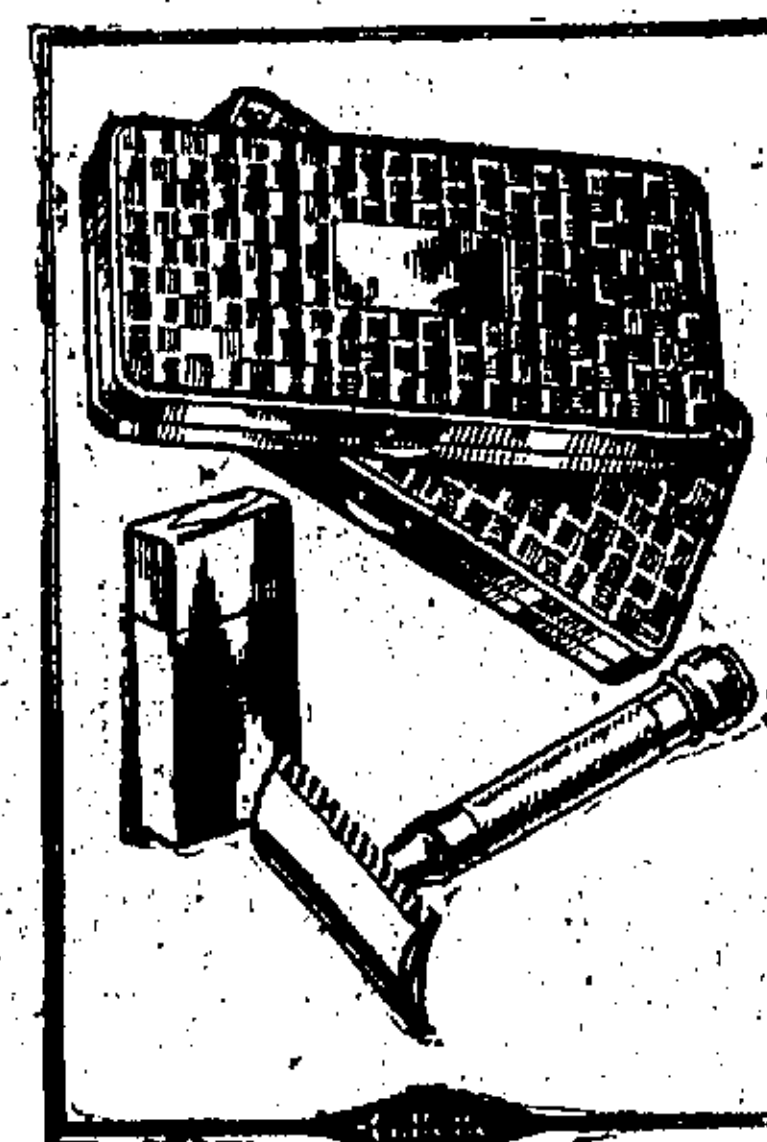
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ATHLETICS.
Y.M.C.A. SPORTS.
 A COMPETITOR INJURED.
 The Y.M.C.A. held their fourteenth annual athletic sports meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. It was a huge success although marred by an accident during the high hurdle race, in which Yeung Ping Kwai who was a good third, tripped and fell heavily at the second last hurdle and sustained two simple fractures of the right forearm. Dr. Woo, president of the Association rendered first aid and then the injured youngster was removed to the hospital by Boy Scouts.
 There were many spectators present. Competition was keen, some fast running events with close and exciting finishes were witnessed. Some of the times recorded compared very favourably with those registered at the Far Eastern Olympiad. The most interesting event was the 100 yards senior championship. Chan Chun Sang won this event in excellent style being one fifth of a second more than the time recorded at the last Olympiad. Ha Kwok Lum and Li In Chak with 10 points each, tied for the Association championship. A deciding 100 yard race was run off and Ha won easily. The one mile race open to the Colony attracted many non-Chinese entrants. It was a good race, and as anticipated, B. A. Hyder was the winner.
 At the conclusion, Miss Woo, the president's daughter distributed the trophies to the successful competitors.
Results.
 The results were:
 100 Yards Senior Championship—(F.E.O.R. 22.4-5 sec.)—1. Ha Kwok Lum; 2. Mok Tai Cheuk; 3. Ko Kau Cheung.
 440 Yards Handicap.—1. Leung Tit Sang; 2. Fung Lu Kan; 3. Young Ping Kwai.
 Long Jump Senior Championship.—(F.E.O.R. 21 ft. 10 in.)—1. Li In Chak; 2. Ng Han Sing; 3. A. Hohalin. Distance: 18 ft. 3 in.
 440 Yards Junior.—(F.E.O.R. 51 1-5 sec.)—1. Wong Tai Leung; 2. Sung Wing Pin; 3. Kwok Wing Hon. Time: 1 min. 10 sec.
 High Jump Senior Championship.—(F.E.O.R. 5 ft. 9 in.)—1. Li In Chak; 2. Mok Tai Cheuk; 3. Cheung Chung Sing.
 100 Yards Senior Handicap.—(F.E.O.R. 26.2-5 sec.)—1. G. Chui; 2. Ko Yau Cheung; 3. Cheung Chong Sing. Time: 30.3-10 sec.
 Relay Race (Open to Boy Scouts).—1. 8th Division; 2. 6th Division; 3. 9th Division.
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